

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, August 19, 1729.

From a Weekly Journal, Aug. 9.

UPON the Arrival of Mr. Sharpe from Port St. Mary's, the Stockjobbers and others behind the Curtain have assured us that Peace is made. But it must be considered, that if this Draught shall be approved by all the Parties concerned, still there must be a Congress, to discuss the particular Points; and what may happen at the Congress, no Body will presume to say. Upon the whole, we see no Reason to retrench any thing that has been said in this Paper on the Subject of Peace; tho' we should be as willing as any living to give the first Account of an honourable Peace. We fear the Publick must still have a little Patience for the Accomplishment of that good Work. *Rome was not built in a Day.*

One of the chief Proofs brought by our News-writers for the Certainty of a Peace, is a fine Picture lately hung up at Versailles, in which the K. of France is represented as giving Peace to Europe. All we shall say upon it is, that if we can obtain a *safe, honourable and lasting Peace*, (the only Peace to be desired) 'tis no matter to whom we are obliged for it; tho' it used to be *Our* distinguishing Character, to give Terms, and not to accept them. And we have Reason to fear, that it is not quite so easy to make a good Peace, as to have one painted or chalked out for us.

As the publick Good ought to be the chief End of publick Writers, we think our selves obliged to precaution our Readers against a certain Cheat, (or perhaps there may be a Gang of them) who goes about the Town and makes it his Business to defraud unwary People of their Money, under Pretence of giving them Notice of Presents sent them from their Relations abroad. Several Persons have been already deluded by this Artifice: But we hope, for the future, no body will be persuaded to pay any Gratuity or pretended Charges on account of such Presents before they have received them.

This Week a Servant at a Coffeehouse in Birchin Lane, had the good Fortune to find a Bill of 300 l. being a Draught of the S. S. Company on the Bank,

which he thought fit to restore to the right Owner. This was Honesty, and might look well in another Age: But I will not call him a Boy of Honour; nor do I expect ever to see him a great Man.

From the Evening Post, Aug. 12.

London, Aug. 12. A Sloop bound from Jamaica with 180 Negroes, and a very valuable Cargo, by firing a Gun, took Fire in the Harbour and blew up, by which the Vessel, Cargo and Crew, consisting of about 40 Persons, were lost. But about 40 Negroes were taken up alive, tho' in a miserable Condition.

Wise's Letter verbatim, London, Aug. 14.

Since our last arrived the Mails from France, Holland and Flanders.

BY Letters from Edinburgh of the 7th Inst. we have an Extract of a Letter from on board the Ship *Castle of Bristol*, Capt. Montgomery, [as in the Mercury of that Date.]

All Conversation here turns upon the present Situation of Affairs; and most are of Opinion, from what has been advised, that they will soon terminate either in a Truce or Peace. Meant while the Fleet at Spithead still continues extended in a Line of Battle, and is like a Fair by the great Number of People of all Ranks who resort to see it; and besides the Nobility formerly mentioned, the Lord and Lady Abergavenny were come to Portsmouth: But Sir Ch. Wager, we hear, will be in Town next Saturday from on board the Fleet. And what was mentioned in our former, of Orders being issued to put a Stop to impressing Seamen from on board the homeward bound Ships, adds to the Belief of a speedy Accommodation.

The Letters Yesterday from on board the *Cornwall* say, that Admiral Stewart lay with his Topsails loose, to sail for Jamaica the first fair Wind; That Sir George Walton has hoisted his Flag on board the *Tork*; That the *Blandford* Man of War was sailed from St Helen's for the Downs.



Two Persons in a Chaise, either drunk or mad, run last Night against one of the Coaches of the Royal Family, as they were returning from Dinner at Mr. Secretary Johnson's at Twickenham; and causing a great Stop and Confusion, they were both seized by the Guards, and brought in Custody to the Palace of Kensington, in order to be examined.

A Letter by the Holland Mail from Port St. Mary's, of the 2d Inst. confirms that on the 28th past there was a grand Conference at the House of the Marquis de la Paz, at which were present the Ministers of G. Britain, France and Holland, wherein they agreed to the Articles of a Treaty of Peace; That his Catholick Majesty had given Orders for delivering the Effects of the Galleons, and for restoring all things on the same Foot they were before the Arrival of the English Fleet off Porto Bello.

On the other hand, we are told by Letters from Vienna, that the Emperor is resolved to put the Succession of the Infant Don Carlos to Tuscany, Parma and Placentia, on the Foot of the Quadruple Alliance: Whereas by what is said to be stipulated in the above Treaty, agreed on between the Ministers of G. Britain and Spain, the latter is permitted to send a Body of 12000 Men into Italy, to secure the Possession of Tuscany, &c. for Don Carlos.

P. S. We hear that the *Mary*, Capt. Bowles, is just arrived in the River from Cadix, with 300 Bags of Silver, Cochineel, &c. for our Merchants interested in the Effects brought by the Galleons.

His Majesty's Departure from Hanover to this Kingdom is said to be fixed for the 25. next Month.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Aug. 14.

Rome, July 30. On Wednesday Morning the Congregation of the Holy Office (or Inquisition) was extraordinarily assembled, to consider, if we are rightly informed, of a Letter sent to the Pope by the Duke of Parma, wherein he earnestly presses his Holiness to reinforce the Garrisons of Parma and Placentia, and help to keep out all *Foreigners*.

Florence, July 30. The Great Duke of Tuscany is perfectly recovered of his Indisposition, and assists every Morning in Council with his Ministers of State, wherein we are assured some Affairs of Importance are upon the Carpet, in relation to the transporting Spanish Troops to Italy.

London, Aug. 14. The Letters from Cadix by this Day's French Mail are of the 2d of August, being the same Date as those brought by express from Mr. Keene at Port St. Mary's. They confirm that

Orders were issued to distribute the Treasure of the Galleons; but that they had not begun to deliver out the same.

From the London Evening-Post, Aug. 14.

Paris, Aug. 16. All our Letters from Spain confirm the Peace to be in great Forwardness, and that the same is to be made upon the Conditions following: "That there shall be between England and Spain a Truce of 14 Years, during which Time the most equitable Measures shall be taken to terminate all the Differences on either Side; and that Spain shall be allowed to send a Body of 12000 Men into Italy, to secure the Possession of Tuscany to Don Carlos, who they say is to go to Massa, in order to be within Reach of that Dutchy,

From the French Amsterdam Gazette, Aug. 19.

Dantzick, Aug. 6. They write from Warsaw, that most of the King's Equipage was marched for Grodno, for which Place his Majesty would be setting out the 10th Inst.

Vienna, Aug. 6. 'Tis now affirmed, that General Count Bonneval is not gone to Constantinople, as was given out, but to Moscow, to enter into the Service of that Crown.

Hamburg, Aug. 12. We hear that the King of G. Britain will come into this City next Sunday, and that his Majesty will remain here till the Evening, then return to Harburg, where that Night a curious Firework will be plaid off. They write from Moscow, That a Courier from Derbent was arrived there, with Advice that Sultan Esref has offered new Proposals by the Turkish Basha who commands in Georgia, in order to adjust all Differences in an amicable way, by the Mediation of the Grand Signor. But as these Proposals contain among other Things, a Demand of the Restitution of Bakou, and the Demolition of the Fortrefs of Andreof, Orders have been sent to our Generals, to enter upon no Negotiations but upon the foot of *impossibilities*.

From the Evening Post, Aug. 14.

Paris, Aug. 20. The Queen has already begun to feel some Pains, which makes us think she is very near her Time.

The 14th the King went into Mourning for Six Days, on account of the Death of Prince Charles of Denmark.

London, Aug. 14. Yesterday at the Honorable Mr.

Mr. Secretary Johnston's House at Twittenham, the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke, the Princesses, the Ladies of the Bedchamber, the Dutches of Hamilton, Lady Tortington, Lady Charlotte de Roussu, and Mrs. Johnston, dined at one Table; and at another Table din'd the Ministers of State, and other great Officers of the Court; and at a third Table dined the Pages of Honour that serve at her Majesty's Table.

Yesterday being the Anniversary of the Birth of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Cowper, (now on his Travels beyond Seas) who then entred his 20th Year, it was solemnized by several Gentlemen, Friends to that truly Noble English Family, at a Tavern in Pall-Mall.

On Friday last as Colonel Hales was at Stag-hunting with several Persons of Distinction, in Meriwith Park, at the Seat of the Hon. Col. Fane, in Kent, he had the Misfortune to have such a violent Fall from his Horse, that his Neck was broke, and he died immediately before any Assistance came to him.

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A Letter from on board his Majesty's Ship Success, Capt. Richard Symonds, at Port St. Antonio, dated May 12, 1729.

SIR,

" Last Friday as we were stretching over to St. Jago, we met with a small Sloop, and after firing several Shots, she brought to, and we found her to be a Spaniard come from St. Jago the 7th Instant, bound for Carthagena. I brought her in here last Saturday, and shall detain her till I hear from England. We can hear no News from her of any Preparations that are making at St. Jago to attack this Island. I am not able to inform you when the Governor sails for Port Royal. Last Saturday the *Shark* went out after a Brigantine that was seen off this Harbour.

I am, Sir, Your humble Servant.

RICHARD SYMONDS.

From the St. James Evening-Post, Aug. 14.

Port-Royal, May 10. Capt. Middleton, late Commander of the *Achilles* of Bristol, who was taken in January last by a French Pyrate, arrived here a few Days past in a Sloop from St. Louis, and gives the following Account of his Misfortune.

The *Achilles*, Walter Middleton Commander, from Bristol, bound to Jamaica, was on the 10th of Jan. last, about 20 Leagues East of Berta, chas'd by

a Sloop, who soon came up with us, and we found her to be a French Pyrate, of 45 Hands and 8 Guns, who took us, and carried our Ship into a morob'd Place on Hispaniola, called the *Selina's*, where they kept us 5 Days, constantly abusing us after the most inhumane Manner, ransacking our Ship, and heaving most of our Cargo over-board: After which, having supplied themselves with what they thought necessary, they set our Ship on Fire, with the remaining Part of the Cargo left in her, and put it ashore in the above mentioned Place; then we continued 3 Days in this Place, not knowing where to travel for Succour, or to get any fresh Water. On the 4th Day in the Morning, one of our Men met an old Spaniard in the Woods, who came with him to our Habitation, which was under a large Tree by the Sea-side; our second Mate speaking a little of the Language, made him sensible of our Condition. Next Morning he brought with him Horses, Asses and Mules, carried us to his House, and in a very hospitable Manner killed an Ox for us, which we plentifully ate of on a dried Hide spread on his Floor, which was all the Furniture our generous Deliverer was Master of. We carried with him 2 Days; after which he furnish'd us with Horses for St. Domingo, 2 Days tedious Travel from his House: Our Travelling-expences here was very little, for the best House there can only supply you with Cassada Bread and Treacle.

After we had got to St. Domingo, they conducted us, under a Guard, to the Governor, who examined us, and took our Declarations; when done, they conducted us to an old Church for our Lodging; and for Diet they left us to shift, which was but very poorly. We then drew a Petition to his Excellency for some Allowance: His Answer was, there was no Money in the King's Coffer for English Prisoners. Then we petitioned to be carried to Jamaica; which was also refused us. We remained 10 Weeks among those Brutes; and by the Means of a poor Frenchman, we were carried to Port St. Louis, where the French Governor treated us civilly, and provided for us all.

Vienna, Aug. 6. N. S. Several Councils have been holden within these few Days, and Expresses dispatched to Spain, France, Brussels and Holland. By what we can learn, the Work of Peace is so far advanced, that it depends only upon the Consent of this Court to the Introduction of the Infante Don Carlos into Italy with Spanish Troops, instead of Swissers.

Swissers, as stipulated in the Quadruple Alliance, to secure to him the Succession of the Dutchies of Tuscany, Parma and Placenza. We have not yet heard what Resolution the Emperor has taken in this Affair; but there goes a Report, that it must be laid before the Diet of the Empire, that they may give a Sanction to it. The Proceedings against the Duke of Mecklenburg appear to have cut out more Work than was expected; and we are now told they will be softened as much as the Nature of the Case bears; particularly by revoking the Administration conferred upon Prince Christian Lewis, and demonstrating to the Diet of Ratisbon, that in all other respects the Aulick Council have proceeded according to the Laws of the Empire. It is written from Presburg, that Count Kinski still meets with abundance of Difficulty in bringing the Diet of Hungary to a Conclusion, the States of that Kingdom insisting upon the Redress of their Grievances with as much Obstinacy as ever.

Haddington, Aug. 15, 1729.

Best Wheat, 11 16 00.	2d, 11 00 00.	3d, 10 14 00
Best Bear, 09 10 00.	2d, 09 06 00.	3d, 09 00 00
Best Oats, 09 06 00.	2d, 09 00 00.	3d, 08 16 00
Best Pease, 09 12 00.	2d, 09 06 00.	3d, 09 00 00
New Oats, 07 16 00.		

Edinburgh, Aug. 19. Last Week died Mr. James Frazer of Loanmay, at his Seat in Buchan, Brother of the Rt. Hon. my Lord Salton.

On Wednesday the 27th Instant, will be acted by the young Gentlemen of the Grammar-School of Haddington, the Tragedy of *Julius Caesar*, and the celebrated ALLAN RAMSAY's *Pastoral Comedy*. To begin precisely at 9 in the Morning.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

That on Thursday the 28th Instant, betwixt 2 and 2 a clock after Noon, in the Laigh Coffehouse, Edinburgh, is to be exposed to Sale by way of publick Roup, the Lands of HERDMAN-SHEELS, with the Pertinents, extending of free yearly Rent (after Deduction of Minister's Stipend and Schoolmaster's Salary) to 1000 L. 4 sh. 8 d. Scots, lying in the Parish of West-Calder and Sheriffdom of Mid-Lothian, and holding *Blanche Feu* of the Lord Torphichen. There is a convenient Old House on the Lands, and 19 Acres fine Ground, all inclosed with a good Stone Dyke, and planted all round with good Gardens with old and young Planting therein, with a fine Water running thro' the Inclosure. Particulars may be seen in the Hands of James Syme Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in the Foot of Kennedy's Close.

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That there was lost upon Wednesday the Sixth Instant, betwixt Linton Bridge in East-Lothian and Falkirk, a green Silk Purse with Strings, in which was Ten Guineas, a Carolus, Jacobus, and one Half-Moydore. Any who can give Notice of said Purse and Gold to John Yetts Merchant in Edinburgh, shall have Two Guineas Reward.

By Order of the Trustees for the Creditors of the Earl of NORTHESK:

All the Creditors who have signed the Submission, and have not yet produced their Claims and Grounds of Debt in the Hands of the Clerk to the Submission, are ordered to do the same betwixt and the Fifteenth Day of September next. And now that all the Estates disposed to the Trustees are sold; and in order to the Creditors their being Ranked upon the Prices and Produce thereof, the whole Creditors, heritable and moveable, are hereby desired to Depone upon the Verity of their Debts betwixt and the First Day of October next before the Arbiters, at Edinburgh, at the Writing-chamber of William Forbes Writer to the Signet, in the Parliament Close. And if any of the Creditors who live at a Distance, and cannot conveniently come to Edinburgh to depone, shall, by a Missive-letter or otherwise, acquaint the Clerk of their Place of Residence, proper Commissions shall be made out and sent them, for their deposing before Commissioners in the Country: With Certification to those who shall fail to produce their Grounds of Debt, and depone as above, That the Trustees will proceed to Rank the other Creditors, as if those who shall so fail, were not Creditors. And as to those Creditors who have not thought fit to sign the Submission; they are hereby desired, betwixt and the First of October next, to acquaint the Clerk, by a Missive-letter or otherwise, of the Extent of their Debts, Principal and Annualrents, and how vouched; and if they please, they may be then informed of the Situation of the Creditors Affairs, and Management of the Trust: Which 'tis hoped will give Satisfaction to all concerned.

¶ We whose Names are hereto subjoin'd, being resolved to preserve the GAME within our respective Bounds, do hereby forbid all Persons whatsoever to hunt, shoot, or otherwise to destroy the Game: And we do further certify, That we are resolved to put the Laws for the Preservation of the Game strictly in execution, and that we have given Orders to our Tenants and Servants, to seize the Guns, Nets and Dogs of such People as are found destroying the Game: And we do hereby promise a Reward of Three Guineas to the Apprehender or Apprehenders of such Persons as shall be convicted according to Law, to be paid by Bailie Clerk at Gilmerton.

The Lord Somervell.

Sir Alex. Gilmour of Craigmillar.

Sir James Stewart of Goodtrees.

Andrew Wauchop of Niddery.

Andrew Wauchop of Edmondston.

John Baird of Newbyth.